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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-14 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-10 are pending.

Applicant would like to point out that the rejection of claims 1-10 of the present application is improper for at least the following reasons.

First, Applicant would like to point out that Graef et al. ("Graef") does not disclose a self-service terminal which comprises both a vacuum pick mechanism which is associated with one of a plurality of separate media modules and a separate friction pick mechanism which is associated with another one of the plurality of separate media modules. Applicant notes that the Office refers to column 13, line 64 to column 14, line 7 of Graef, and concludes that Graef teaches two different types of picking mechanisms within one unit. In this regard however, Applicant submits that the friction pick mechanism of Graef is intended be retrofitted into a unit which has an existing friction pick mechanism, and not into a unit which has an existing vacuum pick mechanism, as the Office would like to suggest. Applicant submits that the friction pick mechanism of Graef cannot be retrofitted into a unit which has an existing vacuum pick mechanism because the entire unit would need to be overhauled and rewired to be able to accommodate any friction pick mechanism, let alone the friction pick mechanism of Graef. Such overhauling and rewiring of the unit to accommodate a friction pick mechanism is not only impractical, but also well outside of the scope of what Graef actually teaches with respect to "retrofitting". Accordingly, Graef does not disclose two different types of picking mechanisms (i.e., a vacuum pick mechanism and a friction pick mechanism) within one unit, as the Office would like to suggest. If the Office persists in arguing that the friction pick mechanism of can be retrofitted into a vacuum pick mechanism, then Applicant requests that the Office provide a full explanation of how this would be accomplished by a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Second, Applicant would like to point out that Lynch et al. ("Lynch") also does not disclose a self-service terminal which comprises both a vacuum pick mechanism which is associated with one of a plurality of separate media modules and a separate friction pick

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mechanism which is associated with another one of the plurality of separate media modules. In this regard, Applicant would like to point out that Lynch teaches that known automated teller machines will have either a vacuum pick type of mechanism or a friction pick type of mechanism, but not both types of mechanisms. This is no more than what Applicant has admitted in the background section of the present application. In fact, Applicant is not aware of any self-service terminal which comprises both a vacuum pick mechanism which is associated with one of a plurality of separate media modules and a separate friction pick mechanism which is associated with another one of the plurality of separate media modules.

Third, Applicant would like to point out that Sevak et al. ("Sevak") does not cure any deficiencies of Graef and Lynch. In this regard, Applicant would like to point out that Sevak discloses a friction pick mechanism with a vacuum assist. A friction pick mechanism with a vacuum assist (as disclosed in Sevak) is not the same as a vacuum pick mechanism which is associated with one of a plurality of separate media modules and a separate friction pick mechanism which is associated with another one of the plurality of separate media modules (as claimed in the present application).

Fourth, Applicant would like to point out that Drescher et al. ("Drescher") also does not cure any deficiencies of Graef and Lynch. Recall that Drescher was cited by the Office for teaching separate containers with associated friction pick mechanisms.

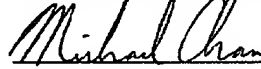
In summary, none of the cited references, alone or in combination, discloses both a vacuum pick mechanism which is associated with one of a plurality of separate media modules and a separate friction pick mechanism which is associated with another one of the plurality of separate media modules.

This amendment may be entered upon a showing of good reasons why it is necessary and was not presented earlier as per 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116. This amendment is necessary to overcome the rejections stated in the final Office Action. The amendment was not earlier presented because the Applicant did not know of the Examiner's position with respect to rejection of claims in the present application until receiving the final Office Action. Also, by way of the present amendment, claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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